GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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REVISION IN ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR SC ST
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has revised the eligibility criteria for award for Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) the original criteria which was approved by the Planning Commission in August, 2004;

(d) the reasons for changing the eligibility criteria;

(e) whether the Planning Commission has taken strong objection to this unilateral change in the eligibility criteria;

(f) if so, whether the Planning Commission was consulted in the matter;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (h) The Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme has been approved in principle. The eligibility criteria and other modalities are under discussion between Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Human Resource Development and the Planning Commission.